

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

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14th and Constitution Ave. NW.
Room 6086
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In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken the following action on your request for approval of the reinstatement of an information collection received on 07/06/2001.

TITLE: Tag Recapture Card

AGENCY FORM NUMBER(S): None

ACTION : APPROVED

OMB NO.: 0648-0259

EXPIRATION DATE: 08/31/2004

BURDEN	RESPONSES	BURDEN HOURS	BURDEN COSTS
Previous	0	0	0
New	240	8	0
Difference	240	8	0
Program Change		8	0
Adjustment		0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE: None

NOTE: The agency is required to display the OMB control number and inform respondents of its legal significance (see 5 CFR 1320.5(b)).

OMB Authorizing Official Title

Donald R. Arbuckle Deputy Administrator, Office of
Information and Regulatory Affairs

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Agency/Subagency originating request	2. OMB control number b. <input type="checkbox"/> None a. _____ - _____
3. Type of information collection (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection b. <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection c. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired f. <input type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions	4. Type of review requested (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Regular submission b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by _____ / _____ / _____ c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated 5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 6. Requested expiration date a. <input type="checkbox"/> Three years from approval date b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: _____ / _____
7. Title	
8. Agency form number(s) (<i>if applicable</i>)	
9. Keywords	
10. Abstract	
11. Affected public (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals or households d. <input type="checkbox"/> Farms b. <input type="checkbox"/> Business or other for-profit e. <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Government c. <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit institutions f. <input type="checkbox"/> State, Local or Tribal Government	12. Obligation to respond (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary b. <input type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits c. <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden a. Number of respondents _____ b. Total annual responses _____ 1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically _____ % c. Total annual hours requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____	14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (<i>in thousands of dollars</i>) a. Total annualized capital/startup costs _____ b. Total annual costs (O&M) _____ c. Total annualized cost requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____
15. Purpose of information collection (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Application for benefits e. <input type="checkbox"/> Program planning or management b. <input type="checkbox"/> Program evaluation f. <input type="checkbox"/> Research c. <input type="checkbox"/> General purpose statistics g. <input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory or compliance d. <input type="checkbox"/> Audit	16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (<i>check all that apply</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure c. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting 1. <input type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Annually 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____
17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission) Name: _____ Phone: _____

19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

NOTE: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
 - (i) Why the information is being collected;
 - (ii) Use of information;
 - (iii) Burden estimate;
 - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
 - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
 - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator or head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or Staff Office)

Signature



Date

6-25-01

Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer

Signature



Date

6/25/01

SUPPORTING STATEMENT
Tag Recapture Card
OMB No. 0648-0259

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.

The Cooperative Gamefish Tagging Program (CGFTP) was initiated in 1971 as part of a comprehensive research program resulting from passage of PL 86-395 and other legislative acts under which the National Marine Fisheries Service operates. The CGFTP is now known as the Cooperative Tagging Center (CTC). The CTC attempts to determine the migratory patterns and other biological information of billfish, tunas, red drum, tarpon, amberjack, cobia, king mackerel and numerous other species by having fishermen tag and release their catch, so that fish can be subsequently recaptured.

Tagging and releasing fish is a voluntary activity. However, for the program to provide useful scientific data, certain information is required. Information on the actual tagging is needed and the “Tag Issue Report” is the form used by the fishermen to report a tagged fish. That form is approved under OMB No. 0648-0247.

The “Tag Recapture Card”, OMB No. 0648-0259, is used by fishermen to provide information on the capture of fish that have been tagged. Forms are distributed to various fishing boat captains. If a tagged fish is caught, the Tag Recapture Card is completed and mailed to the Southeast Fisheries Science Center. The data on the fish is recorded and matched with the data that was reported on the Issue Report. In some instances, the angler may not have a card or simply prefers to phone in a tag recapture rather than fill out and mail the card to the CTC. The estimated burden includes all (both mail and phone) recapture reports.

2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used.

Information on each species is used by NMFS to determine migratory patterns, distance traveled, stock boundaries, and age and growth data. These data are necessary inputs for developing management criteria by regional fishery management councils, states and NMFS. The Tag Recapture Cards are necessary to facilitate the volunteer fishermen in recording when and where the fish was tagged, the species, its estimated length and weight, tag number, and information about the person who tagged the fish. Failure to obtain this data would make management decisions much more difficult and would be contrary to the NMFS policy objectives. Without receiving recapture information the release information is of little value.

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.

No other satisfactory method of obtaining movement and other tag related information on fishes has been identified given the fact cards are often completed on small vessels.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

No duplication was evident during consultations with other conservation agencies.

5. If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden.

The collection does not involve small businesses.

6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.

The usefulness of this program would be compromised if the collection of these data did not take place on a continual basis. It would be impossible to track trends in fish movement, stock definitions, and growth rates. In addition, operating the program on a less than annual frequency would have an adverse effect on the voluntary participation rate.

7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.

No special circumstances are required.

8. Provide a copy of the PRA Federal Register notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

A copy of the PRA Federal Register Notice soliciting comments is attached. No comments were received. The NMFS has sole Federal authority to obtain these data. However, consultations take place on a continuous basis with fishery commissions and other agencies in the eastern United States, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and other participating nations throughout the Atlantic Ocean. In

practice, individual states have deferred to the NMFS effort because of its expertise, its broader geological range of coverage, and the long established cooperation of fishermen and their organizations.

9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

As an incentive for participating in the CTC tagging program we provide fishermen who recapture a tagged fish CTC baseball caps. Tag history is made available to fishermen involved with each tag.

10. Describe any assurance or confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

All data are confidential in accordance with NAO 216-100, Protection of Confidential Fisheries Statistics.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

No sensitive questions are asked.

12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.

We estimate that approximately two minutes are required to complete the Recapture Form. Thus, the total burden on the public is estimated to be eight hours.

Estimated responses per year	240
Mean time/response	x 0.033
Total Hours	8

The cost is: Hourly rate = \$10.00
Total hours = 8
\$80.00

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection.

There are no start-up or other costs to the public.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.

Annualized cost to the Federal government:

240 responses x \$8.82 per hour (GS5 step 1) x \$1.55 (overhead, printing, mailing) =
\$3,281.04

15 cards printed/year x \$0.15 per card = \$47.25

240 hats x \$5.85/hat = \$1,404

Total cost = \$4,732.29

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB 83-I.

No changes are requested.

16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.

A summary of tagging effort is produced annually. Data are used in scientific studies, journal articles, and stock assessments conducted by NMFS.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.

Not applicable.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19 of the OMB 83-I.

Not applicable.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

Statistical methods are not used.

FRONT OF CARD

OMB Approved No. 0648-0259 Expires 5/31/2004

TAG RECAPTURE CARD

1. SPECIES: _____
2. TAG NUMBER: _____
3. DATE RECAPTURED: _____
4. LOCATION/COUNTRY RECAPTURED: _____
5. LENGTH (inches/centimeters): _____ (lower jaw fork length)
6. WEIGHT (pounds/kilograms): _____ SEX: male _____ female _____
7. FISHING GEAR: _____
8. NAMES OF BOAT AND CAPTAIN/ANGLER: _____
9. ADDRESS OF (8) ABOVE: _____
10. PHONE OF (8) ABOVE: _____
11. HAS FISH BEEN SAVED (FREEZING) SO IT CAN BE SAMPLED?
YES _____ NO _____
THERE IS AN EXTRA REWARD FOR A FROZEN FISH. CALL COLLECT
(305) 361-4248 (Daytime)
(305) 589-0944 (Night/Weekends)
12. COMMENTS _____

BACK OF CARD

IN ORDER TO OBTAIN REWARD, REMOVE TAG FROM FISH, CUT METAL PART OFF, AND MAIL TAG AND THIS CARD IN ENVELOPE TO:

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
75 VIRGINIA BEACH DRIVE
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33149
U.S.A.

OR

YOUR LOCAL FISHERY OFFICER

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average two (2) minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Robert Sadler, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702 U.S.A.

The requested tag recapture information is needed to aid NOAA in the management of marine fisheries. The information will be used to determine migratory patterns and other biological information on the species tagged. Your response is voluntary and will be treated confidentially under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Sec. 1881c. Fisheries research

- (a) In general

The Secretary shall initiate and maintain, in cooperation with the Councils, a comprehensive program of fishery research to carry out and further the purposes, policy, and provisions of this chapter. Such program shall be designed to acquire knowledge and information, including statistics, on fishery conservation and management and on the economics and social characteristics of the fisheries.

- (b) Strategic plan

Within one year after October 11, 1996, and at least every 3 years thereafter, the Secretary shall develop and publish in the Federal Register a strategic plan for fisheries research for the 5 years immediately following such publication. The plan shall -

- (1) identify and describe a comprehensive program with a limited number of priority objectives for research in each of the areas specified in subsection (c) of this section;
- (2) indicate goals and timetables for the program described in paragraph (1);
- (3) provide a role for commercial fishermen in such research, including involvement in field testing;
- (4) provide for collection and dissemination, in a timely manner, of complete and accurate information concerning fishing activities, catch, effort, stock assessments, and other research conducted under this section; and
- (5) be developed in cooperation with the Councils and affected States, and provide for coordination with the Councils, affected States, and other research entities.

- (c) Areas of research

Areas of research are as follows:

- (1) Research to support fishery conservation and management, including but not limited to, biological research concerning the abundance and life history parameters of stocks of fish, the interdependence of fisheries or stocks of fish, the identification of essential fish habitat, the impact of pollution on fish populations, the impact of wetland and estuarine degradation, and other factors affecting the abundance and availability of fish.
- (2) Conservation engineering research, including the study of fish behavior and the development and testing of new gear technology and fishing techniques to minimize bycatch and any adverse effects on essential fish habitat and promote efficient harvest of target species.
- (3) Research on the fisheries, including the social, cultural, and economic relationships among fishing vessel owners, crew,

United States fish processors, associated shoreside labor, seafood markets and fishing communities.

- (4) Information management research, including the development of a fishery information base and an information management system under section [1881](#) of this title that will permit the full use of information in the support of effective fishery conservation and management.

- (d) Public notice

In developing the plan required under subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary shall consult with relevant Federal, State, and international agencies, scientific and technical experts, and other interested persons, public and private, and shall publish a proposed plan in the Federal Register for the purpose of receiving public comment on the plan. The Secretary shall ensure that affected commercial fishermen are actively involved in the development of the portion of the plan pertaining to conservation engineering research. Upon final publication in the Federal Register, the plan shall be submitted by the Secretary to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives.

HI 96850-7118, (808) 541-3075, bob.harman@noaa.gov. For information on regulations pertaining to VMS Units or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Alvin Katekaru, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814, (808) 973-2935 ext. 207, alvin.katekaru@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Federal permit holders in the Hawaii longline pelagic fishery are prohibited from fishing unless their vessel has an operational Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) unit. Permit holders in the lobster fishery of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands that use a VMS are allowed to fish closer to fishing grounds before the regulated opening of the fishery. VMS units automatically transmit periodic location reports, allowing fishery enforcement offices to establish the position of the vessels. These requirements are currently approved under OMB Control #0648-0307, but renewal of OMB clearance is being sought separately from the other requirements that formed 0648-0307.

II. Method of Collection

All VMS position reports are transmitted automatically and electronically.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 165.

Estimated Time Per Response: 4 hours to install a VMS, 2 hours per year to repair and maintain a VMS, and 24 seconds per day to transmit automated positions reports.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 731.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: None.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information

on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 2, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 020501A]

Tag Recapture Card

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Proposed information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 10, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to David Rosenthal, F/SEC2, Room 224, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL 33149-1003 (phone 305-361-4253).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

NOAA conducts a Cooperative Gamefish Tagging Program to obtain scientific information on migratory patterns, age, growth, etc. The information is necessary for stock management. Persons capturing tagged fish are asked to provide data on the site

of the capture, fish weight, and other subjects.

II. Method of Collection

The information is submitted on a form.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0259.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 240.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Dated: February 2, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 001206342-0342-01; I.D. 080200B]

RIN 0648-ZB00

NOAA Restoration Center; Request for National and Regional Habitat Restoration Partners

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries), National